



General Assembly

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Amendment

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To: House Joint Resolution No. 54 File No. 298 Cal. No. 228

***"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE FEDERAL
RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A
BYPASS THROUGH SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Resolved by this Assembly:

4 WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration's plan to construct
5 a bypass on the Northeast Corridor between Old Saybrook,
6 Connecticut, and Kenyon, Rhode Island, has negatively impacted the
7 communities of the Connecticut shoreline; and

8 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will be disruptive to the
9 scenic, peaceful and historic towns of Connecticut; and

10 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will cause a decline in

11 property values, divide neighborhoods and negatively affect tourist
12 areas of the Connecticut shoreline; and

13 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will significantly
14 damage the fragile and unique ecology of the Connecticut River
15 Estuary and irreparably harm Old Lyme's nationally registered
16 historical landmarks; and

17 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will have a devastating
18 impact on environmentally precious areas, home sales, farm land and
19 businesses; and

20 WHEREAS, merely the threat of such bypass has halted real estate
21 transactions in the communities of the Connecticut shoreline.

22 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the plan to construct a
23 bypass on the Northeast Corridor between Old Saybrook, Connecticut,
24 and Kenyon, Rhode Island, or in any community of the Connecticut
25 shoreline, be eliminated from the Federal Railroad Administration's
26 plan, NEC Future, before the Federal Railroad Administration makes a
27 final recommendation; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, suitably
29 engrossed, be sent to the Federal Railroad Administration."